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POLYUNSATURATED FATTY ACID (PUFA) ELONGASE FROM For: CAENORHABDITIS ELEGANS (AS AMENDÈD)

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner of Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

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Appendix 1 is a copy of the amended paragraphs, with markings to show changes made. Appendix 2 is a copy of the amended claims, with markings to show changes made.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

On page 1, delete the title and substitute therefore: (1)

POLYUNSATURATED FATTY ACID (PUFA) ELONGASE FROM CAENORHABDITIS **ELEGANS**

On page 1, after the title, insert the following paragraph:

This application claims the benefit of and incorporates by reference the following applications: PCT/GB00/01035 filed March 20, 2000, 9906307.5 filed March 18, 1999, and 0003869.5 filed